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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Art Kimball on the occasion of being the recipient of the Illinois Broadcasters Association Pioneer Award; and

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WHEREAS, Art Kimball was born on May 22, 1932 in Peoria and was raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana; and

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WHEREAS, Art Kimball's voice has been synonymous with high school sports for two generations of radio listeners in the State of Illinois; he began honing his craft at Indiana's DePauw University; after a stint in Korea as a member of the United States Army, his professional career commenced in Carmi; from there, he traveled to Ottawa (WCMY), Peru (WLPO), Bloomington-Normal (WJBC, WMLA), Peoria (WHOI-TV), and Mendota (WGLC AM/FM), before moving back to Bloomington-Normal to work for WJBC/Cable Channel 5; and

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WHEREAS, In his broadcasting career, Art Kimball has covered football, basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball, and just about any other activity on a field, floor, or track; the "IHSA Sports Report", which features stories and interviews from schools big and small, was heard in every corner of the State; his telecasts of the State basketball tournament from

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1 1980 until 1992 were considered "must-see TV"; not limiting his
2 scope to high school games, he also broadcast Illinois State
3 University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and University of
4 Illinois games; and

5 WHEREAS, Art Kimball has devoted 53 years to his career on
6 the airwaves; he has broadcast more than 3,500 games and has
7 gained the devotion of thousands of listeners; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Art Kimball has drawn
9 strength and inspiration from his loving family, including his
10 wife of 53 years, Mary Lou; his daughter, Kathy Allemang; his
11 son-in-law, Greg; his grandson, Brad; his granddaughter,
12 Lindsey; his son, Steve; his daughter-in-law, Laurie; his
13 grandson, Jacob; his granddaughter, Abby; and his grandson,
14 Joe, who passed away in infancy; and

15 WHEREAS, Art Kimball's tireless efforts, skill,
16 professionalism, mentorship, and passion for sports and
17 broadcasting make him a model for the people of the State of
18 Illinois; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
20 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
21 congratulate Art Kimball on being the recipient of the Illinois
22 Broadcasters Association Pioneer Award and wish him continued

1 success and happiness in the future; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Art Kimball as a symbol of our esteem and respect.